GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
DEFENCE
LOK SABHA

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MILITARY EXERCISES
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Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether India has reached an understanding with China for undertaking military exercises in view of increasing number of terrorist incidents;

(b) if so, the time by which the said military exercise is likely to start;

(c) the names of the countries with whom armed forces joint exercises are proposed to be conducted in the near future;

(d) whether Indian Army has provided any training to the foreign soldiers during 2004-2005; and

(e) if so, the number of soldiers trained during the said period, country-wise?

Answer

MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI PRANAB MUKHERJEE)

(a) to (e): A statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (e) OF LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. 212 FOR 17.3.2005

At present there is no understanding with China for any joint military exercises. Our armed forces propose to conduct joint exercises with the following countries till December, 2005:

Army: Singapore, USA and Russia.

Navy: Exercises with navies of USA, Russia, France, Australia, Singapore, Oman and UK are conducted regularly. In addition a consortium of nations under the Western Pacific Nations Symposium (WPNS), comprising Australia, New Zealand, Canada, US, Singapore, Japan, Russia, Malaysia, Thailand, Brunei, France and India are also scheduled to participate in basic sea exercises being planned to be conducted off Singapore post International maritime Defence Exhibition 05 (IMDEX 05).

Air Force: France and USA.

Coast Guard: Seychelles, Bangladesh, Myanmar, Oman, Iran, Japan, South Korea and Maldives.

The country wise details of the foreign soldiers trained by Indian Army during 2004-2005 are given below:

Australia	-	1
Bangladesh	-	10
Bhutan	-	258

Botswana	-	26
Cambodia	-	4
France	-	3
Ghana	-	3
Indonesia	-	3
Kazakhstan	-	6
Kenya	-	8
Korea	-	1
Kyrgyzstan	-	2
Laos	-	2
Lesotho	-	3
Malaysia	-	4
Maldives	-	75
Mauritius	-	14
Mongolia	-	1
Myanmar	-	21
Nigeria	-	8
Nepal	-	146
Oman	-	1
Seychelles	-	4
Singapore	-	6
South Africa	-	1
Srilanka	-	900
Syria	-	1
Tajikistan	-	26
Tanzania	-	4
Thailand	-	1
Uganda	-	3
UK	-	4
USA	-	8
Uzbekistan	-	2
UAE	-	2
Vietnam	-	11

Total	-	1573